

## **EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes March 2, 2010**

The Edgefield County Council's regular monthly meeting scheduled to be held at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, March 2, 2010, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter St., Edgefield, was postponed due to weather conditions. The meeting was held Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Members present**

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman  
Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman  
Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman  
Genia Blackwell, Councilwoman  
Norman Dorn, Councilman

#### **Others present**

Alton Brow, County Administrator  
Michael S. Medlock, County Attorney  
Lynn Strom, Finance Director  
Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council  
and others as per list attached

Chairman Kneece called the meeting to order and Attorney Medlock gave the invocation, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

The March 2, 2010 Agenda and the Supplemental Agenda were approved with a motion made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to approve the February 2, 2010 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Edgefield County Council. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Reports**

No comments.

#### **Public Hearing**

A public hearing was held to receive written and/or oral comments on Ordinance No. 09-10-616, "An Ordinance Amending and Codifying Edgefield County Building Permit Re-Inspection Fees." There were no comments, written or oral.

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#### **Ordinances**

The second reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-616, "An Ordinance Amending and Codifying Edgefield County Building Permit Re-Inspection Fees." was approved with a motion made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Dorn. Motion carried unanimously.

First reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-618, "An Ordinance Amending Section 91.99 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances by Altering the Penalty for a First Offense Violation" was approved with a motion made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously.

First reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-619, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances in its Entirety by Setting Forth New Purchasing Procedures Within the County and Allowing the County to Enter into Cooperative Purchasing" was approved with a motion made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Resolutions**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve Resolution No. 09-10-318, "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 06-07-294 Naming An Alternate Director on the Board of Directors of the Nine County Joint Agency Known as Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority." Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

A funding request of \$2500 from the Edgefield Community Development Association was brought before council. The council was addressed concerning this request at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and the request was received as information to be considered at the March council meeting. Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Bright to approve the \$2500 request. The funds are to be used for this year's celebration of the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Edgefield District. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **New Business**

Mr. Greg Tucker, Marketing In-service Director of Palmetto Posting of Spartanburg, addressed council concerning Edgefield County entering in an agreement with Palmetto Posting to post property that is delinquent in taxes. The posting was done in-house this year but the tax collector desires to use the posting service which provides all necessary material for the posting. The charges are handed down to the taxpayer. Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to approve entering in an agreement with Palmetto Posting. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Vernon Williams, Windmill Road, was scheduled to appear before council requesting that a portion of Windmill Road be closed. Mr. Williams called prior to the meeting to cancel his appearing before council.

### **Supplemental Agenda**

#### **Janitorial/Grounds/Pest Control bids**

At this point council considered the bids received for new contracts for Janitorial, Grounds, and Pest Control services. All were received as information and to be brought back to council in April. Mrs. Ginger Taylor (grounds contract) did ask to address council concerning the bid from Curb Appeal Lawncare.

#### **Government Deals/Old Code of Law books**

Councilwoman Blackwell made the motion to place on Government Deals for auction 100 volumes of US Code Annotated-1954-1974 hardback, maroon with gold lettering and 20 soft cover supplements, and 10 SC Codes of Law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Calliham Building**

Consideration of the occupancy for the Calliham Building was discussed, whether to house Magistrate and Voter Registration there or the Building & Planning and Voter Registration. A motion was made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilman Dorn, to postpone making a decision until the April council meeting.

#### **PARD funds**

The administrator discussed the distribution and availability of PARD funds. Previously there was discussion among staff about how funds are distributed among the entities. Whenever the delegation signs off on a request it is accepted by PARD (according to eligibility) and the funds are reimbursed to that particular entity. It was suggested that the delegation be contacted in concerning the distribution of funds.

Councilman Dorn asked how the recreation monies are distributed (the 1.50 mills). The finance director stated the monies are for referees, supplies and any expenses toward the Edgefield County Recreation Park for the recreation program. Mr. Dorn also asked if the hourly wages for the part-time seasonal employee could possibly exceed the \$10,000 allocated due to the amount of work needed. Ms. Strom replied that Council only approved \$10,000; therefore the wages would not exceed that amount for FY 09-10.

An item not on the regular agenda or the supplemental agenda was the consideration of additional rental fees for the Edgefield County Recreation Park. In June 2009 council passed guidelines that covered rentals mostly geared toward games and tournaments at the fields. The director has been contacted concerning the use of the fields for practice at

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night and asked council for an hourly rate for lights at night: fields 1, 2, and 3 (baseball) \$15.00 each; fields 4 and 5 (baseball/softball) \$20.00 each; football/soccer field \$20.00 and basketball courts (2) \$10.00. Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell and seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve the additional rental fees for the Edgefield County Recreation Park. Motion carried unanimously.

**Guests**

**Claims approved as follows:**

**PAYROLL: 1/25/10 thru 2/7/10**

Regular.....\$222,011.56

**PAYROLL: 2/8/10 thru 2/21/10**

Regular.....\$228,821.59

Bailiffs-Gross..... \$2,100.00

**General Operating.....\$533,621.48**

**Executive Session**

Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, for council to convene in executive session pursuant to Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (1) of the SC Code of Laws 1976, as amended, concerning personnel matters, and returning to regular session at the discretion of the chairman.

Returning to regular session Councilman Ashcraft made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to adopt the proposed title and pay grades for the Edgefield County Assessor's licensed and appraisal staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to compensate Barbara Stark in the amount of \$10,000 for serving as Interim Administrator from September 6, 2009 through January 31, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Councilman Dorn made the motion to adjourn. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

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**ATTEST**

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Barbara Stark, Clerk to Council

